

# Einstein eqns & (magneto) hydrodynamics

## Lecture # 1

- ) Introduction & warnings
- ) "The importance of being earnest" in Numerical Relativity
- ) Einstein equations & basics of differential geometry
  - 3+1 formulation: why & how
  - Generalized Harmonic formulation
  - (a bit of) BSSN formulation.
- ) Dealing with constraints (in GR and elsewhere!)

## Introduction > warnings

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- We are interested in this course in "Computational plasma astrophysics". The school has many lectures on different but related topics. Each will necessarily be incomplete (in a sense) but you'd get an overall exposure to relevant topics and be able to combine them to your primary goals.
  - In this set, our goal is to consider scenarios where matter and electromagnetic fields are "beaten into submission" by gravity itself. Furthermore, we will consider (or have as target systems) dynamical & strong field regimes.
  - Thus, we need to address the impact of a (rapidly) changing strong gravitational field. Since such scenarios typically have characteristic speeds  $(v/c) \sim 1$ ; and fields  $(M/r) \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  a priori no perturbative treatment of " $\Phi$ " can be adopted & we must immerse ourselves into General Relativity.
- \* Before doing so, we must review some concepts which proved crucial in this task

"Theorems are permanent; tricks are ephemeral"

(Hadamard) Any physical system of equations must give rise to well posed problems

(i) Existence of solutions

(ii) Solution is unique when initial & boundary conditions are defined

(iii) Solution depends continuously on such data.:  $\|u\| \leq C \|u_0\|$

E.g.  $u_{,t} = u_{,x}$ . Use Fourier representation:  $u(t, x) = f(x) e^{ikx}$   
 $\Rightarrow f' = f i k \Rightarrow u(t, x) = u_0 e^{i k(x+t)}$   
 (WP)  $\Rightarrow \|u\|_{t+T} = \|u_0\|$

$u_{,t} = u_{,x} + u \rightarrow u(t, x) = u_0 e^t e^{i k(x+t)}$   
 (NP)  $\hookrightarrow \|u(t)\| = \|u_0\| e^t$

$u_{,t} = -i u \rightarrow \overline{u(t)} = \overline{e^{kt}} \overline{e^{ix}} u_0 \Rightarrow \|u(t)\| = e^{kt} \|u_0\|$   
 (IP)  $\nearrow$   
 arbitrary growth!

Sufficient conditions for well posedness of hyperbolic problems

$$\vec{u}_{,t} = \sum_i A^i \partial_i \vec{u} + (\text{Rest})$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $A^i$ : diagonalizable with real eigenvalues!  
 [strongly, symmetric hyperbolic]

then WP follows in spite of "Rest"

Ref: "Time-dependent problems & difference methods"

Gustafsson - Kreiss - Oliger. Wiley, 2013

Example

$$u_{,tx} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_{,tx} = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_{,xx}$$

linear growth.

$$\Rightarrow u(t,x) = D(F_1(t+x)) \cdot t + f_2(t+x) \quad \textcircled{A}$$

$$v(t,x) = F_1(t+x)$$

$$+ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t,x) = [D(F_1) + F_1] e^t \cdot t + f_2 e^t$$

$$v(t,x) = F_1 e^t \quad \textcircled{B}$$

$$+ \begin{pmatrix} u+x \\ u+y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t,x) = c_1 e^{c_1(t+x)} \cdot c_2 e^{t + \sqrt{c_1}} + \dots$$

$$u(t,x) = \frac{\sqrt{c_1} e^{c_1(t+x)}}{e^{t + \sqrt{c_1}}} \cdot \dots \quad \textcircled{C}$$

Case C will have a solution where the bound growth depends on the initial data !

⇒ old paper.

WARNING: Even this simple problem shows how bad things can get.

- In spite of real eigenvalues
- without worrying about boundaries
- Just 1 D ; no constraints ;
- simple problem, simple lower order terms!

Caveat: This is not to say that.

- strong/symmetric hyperbolicity is necessary
- that specific choices can't be adopted to ensure a well posed problems can indeed be obtained even with a "weakly hyperbolic" system [e.g. ideal MHD+CT !!]

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However, it might be too much to fight with, especially if underlying system is too complicated to see a way through.  
So we will as much as possible work analytically first and then at the algorithm level.



### Einstein equations

$$G_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab}$$

- Motivation : - gravity is one of the fundamental forces of nature,
- field equations are quite complicated & non-linear. Analytic solutions only known in a few special cases.
  - perturbative techniques work in weak-field, slow-motion scenario otherwise numerical solns are required.
  - GWs have been detected ; sources likely to give strong radiations involve bhs & neutron stars
  - NSs are magnetized and magnetic effects can play an important role in both dynamics & EM counterparts!

## Some (very brief) words about GR and its structure!

- in GR: no gravitational force  $\rightarrow$  we live in a 4-dimensional curved spacetime. It's the curvature of this spacetime what we feel as the gravitational force ( $\Rightarrow$  most revise/revisit equation ingredients & interpretation.)

Curved spacetime  $\rightarrow$  describe the geometry by a metric tensor  $g_{ab}$ , defined via the line element as:

$$ds^2 = g_{ab} dx^a dx^b$$

(Note: repeated indices sum)

$\Rightarrow$  derivatives must be mindful of change of quantities and change due to curvature.

$\rightarrow$  Introduce  $\nabla_a$  s.t.  $\nabla_a g_{cd} = 0$ .

action on vector  $v^a$   $\Rightarrow \nabla_a v^b = \partial_a v^b + \Gamma_{ac}^b v^c$

covector  $v_a$

$$\nabla_a v_b = \partial_a v_b - \delta_{ab}^c v_c$$

function  $\Phi$

$$\nabla_a \Phi = \partial_a \Phi$$

(any other higher ranked tensor can be deduced from the above)

$$\Gamma_{bc}^a = \frac{1}{2} g^{ae} (g_{be,c} + g_{ce,b} - g_{bc,e}) \quad \text{Christoffel symbol}$$

Curvature tensor

$$R_{bcd}^a = \partial_c \Gamma_{bd}^a - \partial_d \Gamma_{bc}^a + \Gamma_{bd}^e \Gamma_{ec}^a - \Gamma_{dc}^e \Gamma_{eb}^a$$

2 words about the tensor

$\nabla_b \nabla_c V_a - \nabla_c \nabla_b V_a = R^d_{abc} v_d$

$\frac{d^2 W^a}{dx^2} + R^a_{bcd} \frac{dx^c}{dx} \frac{dx^d}{dx} W^b = 0$

geodesic deviation.

$\Rightarrow R^a_{bcd}$  encodes curvature effects.

Einstein's tensor:

$$G_{ab} = R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} \quad R = g^{ab} R_{ab}$$

$$R_{ab} = R^c_{acb}$$

We can write:

$$R_{ab} = \Gamma^d_{ab,d} - \Gamma^d_{db,a} + \Gamma^e_{ab} \Gamma^d_{ec} - \Gamma^e_{db} \Gamma^d_{ea}$$

Einstein equations

$$G_{ab} = 8\pi G \frac{T_{ab}}{c^4}$$

Note: c)  $\nabla^a G_{ab} = 0$  (Branch identity  $\Rightarrow$  required for  $R^a T_{ab} = 0$ !)

i(i) often in GR:  $G=1$ ;  $c=1$ ; (and  $8\pi$  absorbed!)

i(iii) 10 equations, second order, for 10 components of  $g_{ab}$

i(v) No definite math character. Covariant theory!

## Consequences

- Can arbitrary change  $g_{ab}$  via coord. transformations and all representations satisfy the same equations.
- ⇒ in a sense ill-posed unless we fix coords. (un unique)

Now, we will discuss two decomposition of fields (but there are infinitely many!)

- \* typically we get a couple of 4 elliptic (constraint) equations, 6 hyperbolic (evolution) equations, plus 4 freely specifiable gauge "equations".
- \* 4 gauge conditions  $\Rightarrow$  6 "unknowns" tied by 4 constraints  $\Rightarrow$  2 d.o.f.
- \* Distinguish in between: free evolution; constrained evolution  
(or in between "partially" constrained)

## Further observations

- \* Either option, one can show (via identities) solve using a particular subset + ID + identities  $\Rightarrow$  solution of full system.
- \* Numerically though; this need not be the case.
  - ⇒ Constraints might grow without bounds
  - ⇒ non linearities, in general, get in the way of developpement strategies like Constraint Transport. in Maxwell's & ideal MHD.

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Now, first a detour. Recall our discussion of Principal part  
 e.g., we only need to care of highest derivatives to analyze the  
 equations. For dynamical gravity with "standard" sources.

$$G_{ab} = \underbrace{8\pi T_{ab}}_{{}^{\{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ deriv. of } g_{ab}, \\ \text{ none of } T_{ab}\}}} \quad \& \quad \underbrace{R_{ab}T^{ab} = 0}_{{}^{\{3^{\text{rd}} \text{ deriv. of } T^{ab}, \\ 1^{\text{st}} \text{ deriv. of } g_{ab}\}}}$$

⇒ Principal part decouples matter & gravity ⇒ we can  
 analyze them independently!

$$\text{Also: } R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} R = T_{ab} \Rightarrow g^{ab} (R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} R) = g^{ab} T_{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow R - 3R = T$$

$$-R = T$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{ab} - T_{ab} + \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} R = T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} T$$

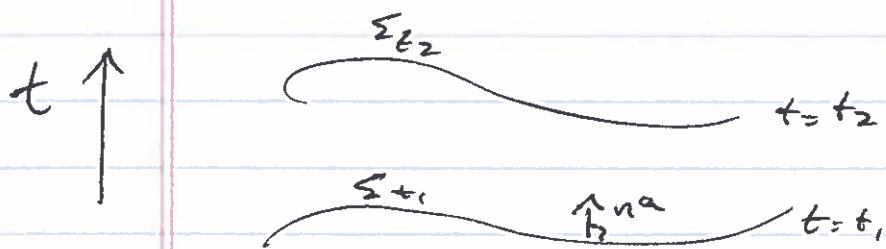
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R_{ab} = T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} T} \quad \text{"trace reversed EE".}$$

Suffices to understand what to do with  $R_{ab}$ .

⇒  $\begin{cases} \text{ADM 8} \\ \text{Hormone formulation analysis next} \end{cases}$

## Setup for dynamics

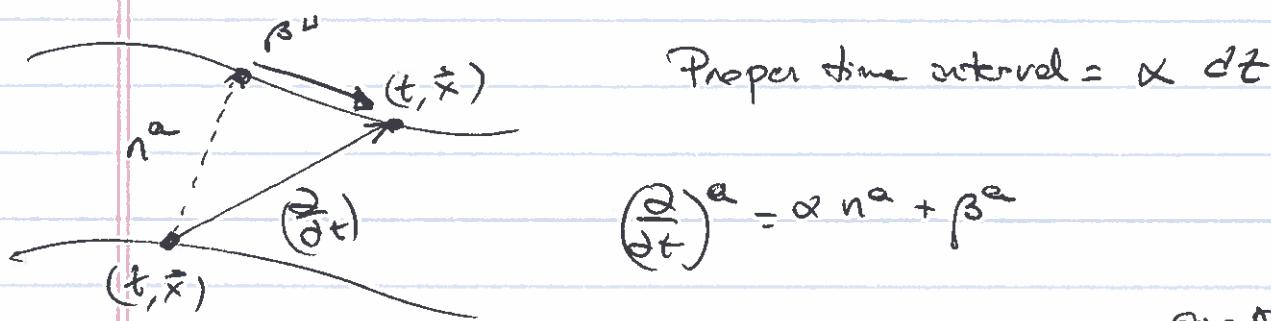
1) Introduce a foliation: Fix for the course a "spacelike" foliation



- Use signature  $s+$ ,  $n^a n_a = -1$  i.e. flat metric  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$

if each  $\Sigma$  has  $t \rightarrow \text{const}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\text{Rat} \rightarrow \perp$  to  $\Sigma$ .

$\Rightarrow n_a \propto \partial_a t$  choose  $n_a = -\alpha \partial_a t$   $\frac{\alpha > 0}{\text{lapse factor}}$



$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^a = \alpha n^a + \beta^a$$

$\alpha: 0 \dots 3$   
 $i, j: 1 \dots 3$ ,

In terms of the decomposition:  $ds^2 = g_{ab} dx^a dx^b$   
 $= -\alpha^2 dt^2 + h_{ij} (dx^i + \rho^i dt)(dx^j + \rho^j dt)$

$\rightarrow$  Note: we naturally have a new tensor appearing.

$$h_{ab} = g_{ab} + n_a n_b$$

$\rightarrow$  intrinsic metric  
to  $\Sigma_t$  surfaces.

- has also has other properties. (Recall  $g_a^b = \delta_a^b$ )

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} i) \quad h_{ab}^{~~b} h_b^{~~c} &= (g_a^{~b} + n_a n^b)(g_b^{~c} + n_b n^c) \\ &= \delta_a^{~c} + n_a n^c + n_b n^c - n_a n^c \\ &= \delta_a^{~c} + n_a n^c \\ &= h_a^{~~c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{h \cdot h = h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ii) \quad h_{ab}^{~~b} n^b &= (g_{ab} + n_a n_b) n^b \\ &= n_a - n_a = 0 \Rightarrow h \cdot n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

iii) Take  $S^a$  s.t.  $S^a n_a = 0$  ( $\because$  they are orthogonal)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow h_{ab} S^b &= (g_{ab} + n_a n_b) S^b - g_{ab} S^b + n_a n_b S^b \\ &= S_a \\ \Rightarrow \cancel{h \cdot S = S} \quad h \cdot S = S &\text{ if } S \perp n \end{aligned}$$

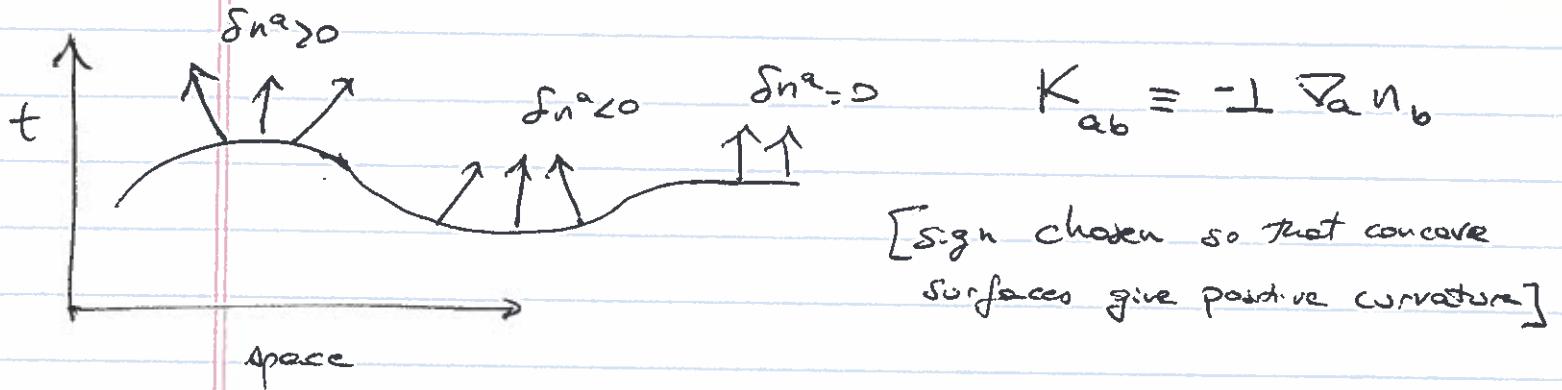
i) + ii) + iii)  $\Rightarrow h_{ab}$  is a projection tensor (denoted with  $\perp$ )

i.e. given a general vector (tensor...)  $V_a$

$$\perp V_i = h_i^{~~a} V_a \quad \text{is its projection onto } \Sigma_t$$

Why bother?: We are after re-expressing Eqs. in terms of natural geometric quantities but in a way where we recognize a set of evolution & constraint equations.

So far, we have identified  $h_{ab}$ : metric of 3-dimensional surfaces. But these "live" in a higher dimensional spacetime. We need a new concept to account for the way  $\Sigma_t$ 's are embedded in it.



→ Note: by definition  $K_{ab}$  is purely spatial

and it can be shown  $K_{ab} = \text{change of } h_{ab} \text{ "adverted" along the normal direction.}$

it can be expressed as:

$$\boxed{\partial_t h_{ab} = -2\alpha K_{ab} + \beta^c \partial_c h_{ab} + h_{ac} \partial_b \beta^c + h_{bc} \partial_a \beta^c}$$

So we have:

$h_{ab}$ : intrinsic metric to  $\Sigma_t$

$K_{ab}$ : extrinsic curvature of  $\Sigma_t$

$\alpha, \beta^c$ : 4 coordinate functions

The derivation of EEs in terms of these quantities is straightforward but lengthy. For references check

MTW (Gravitation); York's 1978 "Sources of Gravitational Radiation" article or e.g. "Introduction to 3+1 Num Rel" Alcubierre

Also, for historical reasons (most often found in derivations) we work with  $G_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab}$ .

First define:  $S = T_{ab} n^a n^b$

$$J^i \equiv -L(T^{ion_b}) \rightarrow [L(T^i) = h^i_a T^a] \\ S^{ij} \equiv L(T^{ij}) \rightarrow [L(T^{ij}) = h^i_a h^j_b T^{ab}]$$

Now, project EEs wrt:

$$n^a n^b \rightarrow {}^{(3)}R + K^2 - K_{ij} K^{ij} = 16\pi S \quad [{}^{(3)} \text{ quantities related to has!}]$$

$$n^a h^b_b \rightarrow D_b K^{ab} - D^a K = 8\pi J^a \quad [D_b f_{ac} = 0]$$

$$h_a^c h_b^d \rightarrow \partial_t K_{ab} = \beta^c \partial_c K_{ab} + K_{ad} \partial_b \beta^d + K_{bd} \partial_a \beta^d$$

$$- D_a D_b \alpha$$

$$+ \alpha \left[ {}^{(3)}R_{ab} + K K_{ab} - 2 K_{ad} K^d_b - 8\pi \left( S_{ab} - \frac{h^{ab}}{2} (S-S) \right) \right]$$

and

$$\partial_t h_{ab} = \beta^c \partial_c h_{ab} + h_{ad} \partial_b \beta^d + h_{bd} \partial_a \beta^d \\ - 2 \alpha K_{ab}$$

## What do we have then?

- "Geometrodynamics" = rate of change of geometrical quantities
- Bianchi identities ( $\nabla_a G^{ab} = 0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ID satisfying constraints initially will continue to do so if evolved with  $\{K, \dot{g}\}_{\text{gr}}$
- System is hyperbolic.

## What don't we have?

- Strongly / symmetric hyperbolic system! It's only weakly hyperbolic  
[Kreiss + Ortg arxiv: gr-qc/0106085],
  - Constraints are "propagated" but not damped [we'll return to this]
  - We still need to specify  $\{\alpha, \beta^i\}$
- ∴ e.g. what's wrong with  $\alpha = 1, \beta^i = 0$ ?



However. In special cases . this system is fine !  
so, take a look at what you want & then proceed.

(Generalized) Harmonic system of eqns:

- Stays "formally" less geometric ("3+1"-ish, than ADM)

- We start from  $R_{ab} = 8\pi(T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}g_{ab}T)$

$$\cancel{\text{Ricci}} \rightarrow g^{cd} g_{ab,cd} + 2 g^{cd} g_{,(a} \delta_{b)c} + 2 R_{ab} R_{ca} + 8\pi(2T_{ab} - g_{ab}T) = 0 \\ + 2 R_{(a} R_{b)}$$

Principal part of the system?  $\rightarrow g^{cd} g_{ab,cd} - 2 R_{(a} R_{b)}$

"Almost" nicely symmetric hyperbolic! if it weren't for  $R_{(a} R_{b)}$  ...

Harmonic case: choose coordinates s.t.  $\partial_a P^a x^b = 0 \Rightarrow -P^b = 0!!$

Generalized Harm. Case: " " s.t.  $\partial_a \partial^a x^b = H^b \Rightarrow -P^b = H^b$   
and replace back

$\Rightarrow$  Principal part is  $g^{cd} g_{ab,cd} + \{2H\}$

If  $H^b$  obeys a wave-equation then  $\partial_t H$  is lower order

We got a symmetric hyperbolic system of equations!

at the expense of using (essentially) all our coord freedom.

Sounds too good to be true right?

- Yes! and this was recognized long ago! Worries where
  - Coords tied to wave eqns, they'd "fly away"
  - Mathematical worries about eqns of the type  $\square \phi = \sum A^{\alpha\beta} \partial^\alpha \phi \partial^\beta \phi$  admitting solutions w/ smooth arbitrarily small ID that blow up in finite time  $\stackrel{\text{but}}{=}$  [Null condition: Klainerman '86 also, Lindblad-Rodnianski '2005]

\* It's even better actually! [Modifies coord coords]

Define:  $C^\alpha \equiv H^\alpha + D^\beta \nabla_\beta X^\alpha$        $C^\alpha = 0$  are the new constraints! as we are evolving all components.

$$\Rightarrow H^\alpha = C^\alpha - \Gamma^\alpha$$

Qn: How do  $C^\alpha$  behave upon evolution?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider, for simplicity, } T_{ab} = 0, R_{ab} - \nabla_a C_b &= R_{ab} - \nabla_a (H_b) \rightarrow \nabla_a \Gamma_b \\ &= g^{cd} g_{ab,cd} + \nabla_a \Gamma_b - \nabla_a H_b - \nabla_b H_a \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  our system is then "as if we were adding the constraints, which if satisfied, is like we added nothing!"

Let's see this is true

$$D^\alpha G_{ab} = 0 \Rightarrow D^\alpha R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} D^b R = 0 \quad \star$$

$$\text{but } R_{ab} = \nabla_a C_b \Rightarrow D^\alpha R_{ab} = D^\alpha \nabla_a C_b$$

$$R = \nabla_a C^a \Rightarrow D^b R = D^b (\nabla_a C^a)$$

$$\star \Rightarrow D^b D_a C_b$$

thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla^a R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_b^a R &= \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_b^a \nabla_a C^a \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_a^a \nabla_a C_b + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^a \nabla_b C_a - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_b^a \nabla_a C^a \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b + \frac{1}{2} [\nabla_a \nabla_b - \nabla_b \nabla_a] C^a
 \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b + R_{bc} C^c$$

which can be written as

$$0 = \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b + C^a \nabla_b (C_a)$$

This implies that if  $\{C_a, \nabla_a C_b\} = 0$  initially  $C^a$  will stay so!

numerically though this need not be the case [we'll see examples of this!]

Consider instead -  $0 = R_{ab} - R_a C_b + \gamma_0 [t_{(a} C_{b)} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} t^c C_c]$

with  $\gamma_0$  a parameter and  $t^a$  a time like vector field pointing towards the future. Proceed as before:

$$0 = \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b + R_{ab} C^a - 2 \gamma_0 \nabla^a (t_{(b} C_{a)})$$

or

$$0 = \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b - 2 \gamma_0 \nabla^a [t_{(b} C_{a)}] + C^a \nabla_b (C_a) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_0 t_b C^a C_a$$

Now, imagine  $C_a \neq 0$  but small (eg  $C^2 \sim 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow 0 \approx \nabla^a \nabla_a C_b - 2 \gamma_0 \nabla^a [t_{(b} C_{a)}]$$

$\Rightarrow$  decaying wave equation along  $t^a$ !

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So far, this is quite promising; but what happens with the coordinates? and the I.D?

Coordinates?, Freedom is now encoded in  $H^e$ ; notice that

$$H_{\alpha} n^{\alpha} = -n^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} h^{\mu} - K$$

$$\perp H^i = H_{\alpha} h^{\alpha i} = \frac{1}{2} n^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} \beta^i + h^{ij} \partial_j h^{\mu} - {}^{(3)}\Gamma^i_{\nu k} h^{jk}$$

thus,  $\partial_t \alpha = -\alpha^2 H_{\alpha} + \dots$

$$\partial_t \beta^i = \alpha^2 \perp H^i + \dots$$

this  $H^e$  implicitly determine the evolution of one  $\{\alpha, \beta^i\}$

to not spoil well-posedness, can use  $\perp H^e = \dots$  !

[Frolov '05]

(though there is an interesting story here!)

$H^e = 0$  also works! but with better resolution!

Initial data?

- in ADM; solve Hamiltonian  $\rightarrow$  Momentum constraint.
- in GT?  $\rightarrow$  Evolving  $g_{ab}$  in full!  $\rightarrow$  We need to provide I.D. such that given  $\{g_{ab}; \partial_t g_{ab}\}$  is consistent with  $\{C_a = 0, \partial_t C_a = 0\}$ .

Procedure

① Solve ADM constraints. [Useful step as there is much known / done here]  $\rightarrow \{h_{ij}, \partial_t h_{ij}\}$  if  $\alpha, \beta^i$  given

② Choose  $t^e$  at  $t>0$ . from  $C_a^a = 0$   $\alpha_{,t}$  &  $\beta^i_{,t}$  are obtained

① + ②  $\Rightarrow \{g_{ab}, \partial_t g_{ab}\}$  are known.

$$③ \text{ Identity } R_{ab} = \nabla_a C_b \xrightarrow{\text{and}} M_a = (R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} R) n^b$$

$$\Rightarrow n^b \nabla_b C_a = 2 M_a + (g^{bc} n_a - n^c g^b_a) R_b C_c$$

but  $C_a = 0$  &  $\partial_t C_a = 0$  &  $M_a = 0$  because of  $t^e = 0$  from GR.

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t C_a = 0.$$

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last, a few words w.r.t BSSN.

- widely used formulation of GR.
- takes from both ADM & EHL.

Ingredients: \* Introduce conformal decomposition.  $\tilde{h}_{ij} = \psi^{-4} h_{ij}$

\* Introduce a trace-free representation  $A_{ij} = K_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} K$   
and rescale conformally

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} = \psi^{-4} A_{ij}$$

\* Introduce the conformal  $\tilde{\Gamma}_{jk}^i$  ~~etc~~

and the variables  $\tilde{\Gamma}^i := \tilde{\nabla}^{jk} \tilde{\gamma}_{jk}^i$

$\rightarrow$  for the same reason we introduced  $t^e$ !

Equations (replace directly / obtain from ADM eqns)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{h}_{ij} = -2\alpha \tilde{A}_{ij}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \phi = -\frac{1}{6} \alpha \kappa \quad (\phi = \ln \psi)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{A}_{ij} = e^{4\phi} \left\{ -D_i D_j \alpha + \alpha R_{ij} + 4\pi \alpha [h_{ij} (S-S) - 2 S_{ij}] \right\}^{TF} \\ + \alpha (K \tilde{A}_{ij} - 2 \tilde{A}_{ik} \tilde{A}^k_{\ j})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} K = D_i D^i \alpha + \alpha (\tilde{A}_{ij} \tilde{A}^{ij} + \frac{1}{3} \kappa^2) + 4\pi \alpha (S+S)$$

with

$$\frac{d}{dt} F_{ij} = \frac{2}{\partial t} F_{ij} + \beta^e \partial_e F_{ij} + F_{i2} \partial_j \beta^e + F_{j2} \partial_i \beta^e \#$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} S = \frac{2}{\partial t} S + \rho^e \partial_e S . \#$$

with  $\# = \frac{1}{6}$  for  $\phi$

$\# = -\frac{2}{3}$  for  $\tilde{h}_{ij}$  and  $\tilde{A}_{ij}$

$\# = 1$  for  $K$ .

Notice:  $R_{ij} = h^{lm} \partial_l \partial_m h_{ij} + D_{(i} F_{j)}$  + --

so we have the same issue as in ST. To fix this the variables  $\tilde{F}^i$  are introduced.

$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{F}^i = \dots \partial_j \tilde{A}^{ij}$$

Also, replace  $\partial_j \tilde{A}^{ij}$  by employing the momentum constraint which replaces

$$\partial_j \tilde{A}^{ij} = \{\tilde{F}^i, A, \tilde{A}, \partial_j \phi, \tilde{h}, \partial_j K\}$$

[See e.g. Alcubierre's book for details]

What else is "new"?

① Gravity does not develop shocks! [linearly degenerate systems?]

unless they are: put by hand or a coordinate effect

② At worst it gives a singularity! What to do?

Ⓐ Excise the black hole: Find apparent horizon and cut region inside of it.

(better be the case that all fluxes are ingoing there!)

Ⓑ Choose to go beyond horizon and "slow" things down there by suitable gauge condition.

③ Do you write your own code? Arguably things are less mature than in the Astro community. However, there are codes and publicly available infrastructure you can get your hands onto.

- CACTUS
- PAMR
- HAD
- GRCHOMBO
- BAM (?)

Now, let's worry about the sources. For simplicity, let's imagine just Maxwell's equations and since we argued we can analyze things separately, let's start on flat space-time.

Maxwell's equations can be written in covariant form as

$$\nabla_b F^{ab} = I^a \quad ; \quad \nabla_a {}^* F^{ab} = 0$$

where  ${}^* F^{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{abcd} F_{cd}$

we can define the Electric & Magnetic field wrt. the observer with tangent vector  $n^a$  as:

$$E^a = F^{ab} n_b \quad ; \quad B^b = {}^* F^{ab} n_a$$

we can reexpress the Faraday tensor as:

$$F^{ab} = E^b n^a - E^a n^b - \epsilon^{abc} B_c n_d$$

For a moment consider instead

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$$\nabla_b (F^{ab} + g^{ab}\psi) = I^a - \kappa \psi n^a$$

$$\nabla_b ({}^* F^{ab} + g^{ab}\phi) = -\kappa \phi n^a$$

$\Rightarrow$  take  $\nabla_a$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^a \nabla_a \psi = -\kappa \nabla_a (n^a \psi)$$

$$\nabla^a \nabla_a \phi = -\kappa \nabla_a (n^a \phi)$$

For simplicity, take  $n^c = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$ ; ( $\beta^c = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ )

we get

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \psi + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= g - \kappa \psi \\ \partial_t \phi + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= -\kappa \phi \\ \partial_t \vec{E} - \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \psi &= -J \\ \partial_t \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \vec{\nabla} \phi &= 0\end{aligned}$$

→ hyperbolic divergence

cleaning related.

[Dedner et al]

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Consider  $\partial_t \psi + A = -\lambda \psi$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t \psi = -(A + \lambda \psi) \xrightarrow{\text{sdn}} A + \lambda \psi = C_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow A + \lambda \psi \rightarrow 0$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \psi \rightarrow -\frac{A}{\lambda}$$

If  $\lambda \gg$  large  $\psi \rightarrow 0$

- \* Constraints are damped through coupling with damping fields
- \* Related by constraint damping in SR but addition of fields is needed as we've used up all our freedom.
- \* We have not used or required any particular algorithm, just modified the equations off the constraint surface to achieve a desired effect.
- \* We did introduce a new scale in the problem though!
- (D) On Friday you'll get a code implementing the system above.